(*a*) whether they are aware that a number of liquor shops at Karukutti near Ankamali have not been sold in auction this year, 1104;

(*b*) that persons from distant places have been engaged by the Excise officers for running these shops;

(*c*) whether it is with their knowledge or with the knowledge of the Excise Commissioner that the Excise officers have adopted such means and engaged people from other places to conduct liquor shops at Karukutti; and

(*d*) whether there is any provision in the rules of the Excise Department to the effect that even by the adoption of such means liquor shops should be established in all places?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. Two toddy shops remained unsold at Karukutti during the auction held in 1103.

(*b*) The shops were purchased by one Ouseph Ouseph of Ankamali. Ankamali and Karukutti are adjacent villages.

(*c*) The offers for the above shops were accepted in the usual course of business.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this question does not arise.

Preparation of a new Jenmi-Kudiyan Bill.

356. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that they have prepared a draft bill different from the draft bill prepared by the Jenmi-Kudiyan Committee;

(*b*) by whom their Jenmi-Kudiyan draft bill has been prepared as also the urgent reasons for having such a bill prepared rejecting the draft bill of the Committee;

(*c*) (i) the year and date on which the said draft bill has been prepared by them;

(ii) whether it has been published for public opinion;

(iii) if so, the year and date of such publication, as also whether any opinions on the draft bill have been received by them either from the *Jenmies* or from the *Kudiyans*; and

(iv) if so, the nature of the same; and

(*d*) (i) the year and date on which the present Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation was brought into force;

(ii) whether they have made any amendments to it at any time subsequently; and

(iii) if so, what they are, as also the date of each amendment?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): (*a*) and (*c*) A draft bill to amend the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation has been prepared under the orders of the Government. It was approved by them on the 22nd March 1924. The bill has been published as all bills are published, in the *Government Gazette* (*Vide Gazette* dated the 25th March 1924). Opinions regarding the bill have been received from both the *Jenmies* and the *Kudiyans*. Both expressed dissatisfaction with the proposals in the bill.

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(*b*) The bill was drafted by the Law Officers of the Government. For the rest of the question, the member is referred to G. O. No. L. 487, dated the 1st April 1920, published in the *Gazette* dated the 6th April 1920.

(*d*) (i) The present Regulation came into operation on the 1st day of Makaram 1072.

(ii) The answer is in the negative.

(iii) This question does not arise.

Amendment of the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation.

357. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to take into their urgent consideration the question of amending the present Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The question of amending the Regulation is already under the consideration of the Government.

Views of the Government on the Jenmi-Kudiyan Question.

358. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to issue at once a statement explaining clearly what they have done hitherto and what they propose to do in future on the Jenmi-Kudiyan question?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): As the actions and intentions of the Government relating to this question have been made public by official publications and announcements, the Government do not think it necessary to issue any statement as asked for.

Popular agitation for amending the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation.

359. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) for how long the people have been urging the Government through public meetings, representative organisations and newspapers in regard to the great need for amending the present Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation to suit the times and redress the grievances of the people;

(*b*) whether they have not come across the various utterances inviting their immediate attention to this matter;

(*c*) whether they have not received the several resolutions of public meetings inviting their immediate attention to this matter;

(*d*) whether they have not come across the various representations made in the several Sessions of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly inviting their immediate attention to this matter; and

(*e*) whether the several interpellations asked and speeches made in the various Sessions of the Legislative Council inviting their immediate attention to this matter have not been brought to their notice?

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